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## WILLOW ROAD WAY IS NOW ASSURED

W. W. Smead, J. L. Wilkins and C. A. Minor Guarantee Way for Upper Willow Creek Road—Removal of Forest Office Is Opposed.

The upper Willow creek road to the Hager bridge received another boost Monday evening when it was announced at the Heppner Commercial Club that W. W. Smead, J. L. Wilkins and C. A. Minor would guarantee the right of way through the J. B. Cason ranch. It is understood that these gentlemen are in a position to make a deal with Mr. Cason, satisfactory to him and all parties concerned. The Lexington-Heppner road matter was referred to the road committee, who will look after the work that has been donated.

The Club has taken up in earnest the matter of the proposed removal of the forest headquarters to Pendleton, and a committee of three, T. J. Mahoney, chairman and Geo. J. Currin and W. B. Barratt, was appointed to work against the proposed removal. The matter of a lyceum course for Heppner was laid over until next week. The Club had previously been asked to guarantee this course for Heppner.

A special committee representing the Club will confer with the celebration committee of The Dalles Business Men's Association in regard to The Dalles-Celilo celebration which will be held in that city in the near future. It is the sentiment of the Club that Heppner take an active part in participating in the celebration.

Secretary Smead informs us that several new members have taken out cards voluntarily the past week, but he is urging the membership committee to get busy, as he believes that with little effort the present membership of the Club can be doubled.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Contrary to the usual custom when Spring weather comes on the students of the High School are maintaining a high standard of excellence in their studies. This is very pleasing to the faculty and is much to the credit of the students.

The last literary program of the year will be given Friday evening. It will consist of some very entertaining numbers, among them being a debate, a farce and a number of musical selections given in the auditorium and will be called at 7:45 o'clock. The patrons of the school are invited to attend.

Preliminary arrangements were completed this week for the publication of the High School Annual. Tuesday afternoon the student body elected the Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor, Business Manager and Advertising Manager. These are respectively, Spencer Crawford, Earl Gordon, Harley Adkins and Stephen Irwin. Wednesday, the "staff" had a meeting and various assistants were appointed. Dave Wilson will handle the sport department; Grace VanVactor the literary department and Melba Griffiths will see that all social activities are properly represented. Ed Clark was made cartoonist and will embellish the book with some good caricatures. Orain Wright will assist Manager Adkins, and they will work hard to make the book a financial success. At a meeting of the entire staff the name "Hehlich" was chosen and the Annual will appear under that name. Earnest work has begun in the preparation of material and it is hoped the book will be ready for delivery about the middle of May.

The biology laboratory has become quite popular the last few days since the class has acquired a snake and an insect menagerie. There are several different kinds of snakes and many other animals and insects. The class has been doing some very interesting dissecting work and has mounted some of their best specimens.

## Card of Thanks.

To our friends and neighbors we extend our sincere thanks for their aid and assistance during the last illness of our relative, Joseph Luckman. Walter and Chas. Luckman, Walter Kileup, Mrs. Ada Woodward, Mrs. Annie Smith.

## Train Delayed.

The train on the local branch was delayed several hours Wednesday when the engine became derailed while switching. This was caused by the rails spreading. Another engine came up from The Dalles to pull the local engine out of the ditch.

## Base Ball at Ione Saturday.

The local High School base ball team will journey to Ione Saturday to meet the Egg City boys in the second game of the year. The first game resulted in a victory for the Heppner boys and they are naturally a little over confident. The line up will probably be the same as on the first occasion.

The 30th annual convention of the Oregon State Sunday School Association will meet in Portland on April 28th to 30th, 1915. The sessions will be held in the First Presbyterian church and a splendid program has been prepared for the instruction of all delegates who will attend.

## PIONEER STOCKMAN DIES.

Joseph Luckman, a pioneer stockman and rancher of this section, died at the home of Mrs. Annie Smith in this city on Thursday, April 8, 1915, after a lingering illness.

At the time of his demise, Mr. Luckman was 70 years, 4 months and 4 days of age, having been born in Bickenhill, Warwickshire, England, on December 4, 1844.

He was married on May 7th, 1867, to Rebecca Taylor, and they later came to America, finally settling on a homestead in the Butter creek hills in this county, where Mr. Luckman engaged in sheepraising very successfully for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Luckman were childless, and the wife passed to her reward a number of years ago, and Mr. Luckman ran the ranch for some time after that, but finally retired from active business life and took up his residence in Heppner, where he was a very familiar character.

His immediate relatives in this section are Walter and Charles Luckman and Walter Kileup, nephews, and Mrs. Ada Woodward, a niece. Mrs. Annie Smith is also a distant relative by marriage.

Mr. Luckman accumulated quite a fortune at one time and was the owner of one of the best stock farms in the county. This he deeded a few years ago to Walter and Charles, to become theirs under certain agreements, at the time of his death. The property was given over to their charge and the boys took care of the old gentleman by furnishing him a monthly stipend during his declining years.

Funeral services were held at the Episcopal church in this city on Saturday afternoon, Rev. T. S. Handsaker officiating, and the remains were buried beside those of his wife in their lot at Masonic cemetery. Mr. Luckman was a member of the Church of England and helped to build the Episcopal church in this city, in which he erected a tablet to the memory of his wife.

## ROBERT GEORGE ROBINSON.

After an illness of two years and one-half, Robert George Robinson passed away at his home at Lone Rock, Oregon, on the 8th day of April, 1915, at the ripe age of 85 years.

Mr. Robinson was born in Summer-set county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th day of June, 1830, where he resided until eighteen years of age, when he moved to the state of Illinois with an uncle. During the gold rush to California he crossed the plains by ox team in company with several well known California pioneers, arriving there in the year 1851. He moved from there to near Salem, Oregon, about the year 1860. He was united in marriage to Lucy Ann Neal in the year 1862, they moving from there to Pierce county, Washington, about one year later. Leaving Pierce county seven years later they located at the present townsite of Lone Rock, Oregon, where they have since resided.

Mr. Robinson was one of the pioneer merchants of Eastern Oregon, having entered the mercantile business in the year 1877, where the present town of Lone Rock is now located, he continued in the business until about the year of 1894, when the same was taken over by his sons. He was also known at one time as the sheep king of that section and one of the largest individual taxpayers of Gilliam county. He retired from active management of his numerous business interests about thirteen years ago.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his widow, Lucy A. Robinson, and six children, C. D. Robinson, of Lone Rock, F. H. Robinson, of Ione, Mrs. Nettie A. Washburn, of Portland, Mrs. Alice J. Pullen, of Lone Rock, W. N. Robinson, of Lone Rock, and Una G. Reynolds, of South Dakota.

## WILL LIKELY PUT UP NEW BUILDING FOR THE MASONS.

Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M. are taking preliminary steps looking to the erecting of a new building on their lot at the southwest corner of Main and Willow streets. The present building has stood on this lot for the past 37 years and is now badly in need of repairs and the Lodge feels that it is somewhat a waste of funds to put money into this old hall and attempt to modernize it. However, the steps now being taken are only preliminary and for the purpose of arriving at the estimated cost of the new structure and to ascertain just what the disposition of the majority of the membership is with regard to the contemplated improvements. At this time the sentiment appears to be strongly in favor of a new building.

Heppner Commercial Club has taken up the matter of getting in touch with the committee having in charge the celebration of The Dalles-Celilo canal opening. We have heard but little about this in Heppner, and are beginning to wonder if our citizens really have no interest in this great event. The completion of this great work means much to our county and we should be ready to join with our neighbors of the Columbia River counties in helping to make the celebration a success. Some few people from here are planning to attend, to be sure, but the idea is to have a large delegation of citizens there to show that we are awake to the benefits to be derived from an open river, and also to express our appreciation of what the general government has done for our development in opening up the great inland waterway to navigation.

## LEXINGTON COOPERATES WITH HEPPNER IN IMPROVING CONNECTING HIGHWAY

United Sentiment Is Expressed For Permanent Roads At Joint Meeting in Lexington—Court Will Probably Establish Laboratory For Road Experiment.

Lexington citizens want permanent roads, and to that end they will cooperate to their fullest extent in the good roads movement. This was their sentiment as they expressed it at the good roads meeting held in Lexington last Saturday afternoon. S. E. Notson, president of the Heppner Commercial Club acted as chairman. The main topic for discussion before the meeting was as to when work should begin on the new Heppner-Lexington road. The majority of the speakers from Lexington were of the opinion that it was too late in the season to begin tearing up the roads, that it would only result in making a dust heap out of the present roads and they would be in no condition for travel before next fall.

"We want roads that will last," said W. G. Scott. "I have been over macadam roads and I am convinced they are not what we want. We have got to find a way to hold the dust, and I think that the county court should take a piece of road and show us what can be done. A little experimenting now may save many dollars later." Mr. Scott thought that oiling might solve the problem of holding the dust, packing, and thereby make a solid road bed.

Eph Eskelson, who lives on the line of the proposed new road, believes that there is much of the work that can be done at this time, such as making the deep cuts and doing the rock work. Andrew Reaney also thought that this would be the proper time to do the work, since the money and work donated, were at hand, and the people had the spirit of better roads uppermost in their minds.

Frank Evans, W. F. Barnett and W. R. Munkers were all of the opinion that it is too late in the year to start the work, inasmuch as the greater portion of the road work will be in soft dirt, and travel would be greatly hampered by the deep dust which would naturally result.

W. P. McMillan favors the present time for the road work and suggested that the new road be straved, as a means of keeping down the dust.

"Build a road that will last" was the plea of W. E. Leach. "I would pay a double amount of my present taxes toward roads without a kick if I knew that the money was to be spent for permanent roads."

The members of the county court

were all present and all spoke in behalf of the county. Judge Patterson said that he does not favor county bonding as a means for raising funds for permanent roads, for in many cases the road wears out before the bonds mature. George J. Currin is a great believer in the power of crude oil for laying the dust, and he told of the success that Heppner had met with in street oiling, saying that the Heppner streets were nothing more than graded roads. He believes that the county will eventually come to the oiling of the main county roads if not now.

Lee Padberg favors the plan of a county laboratory for road experimenting. That is, taking a small strip of road, building it up on a permanent basis, and treat the surface with crude oil or any other substance that will solve for all time the dust question.

W. T. Campbell and W. W. Smead were also of the opinion that experiment before the actual work would prove beneficial and would eliminate many mistakes that might be made later. Mr. Campbell believes that oil will settle the dust satisfactorily.

A. S. Akers, A. L. Ayers and Sam Hughes also made short talks.

Chairman Notson, near the close of the meeting told of what might be done to improve the road in a small way, yet would save the county many dollars in the course of a year. He is of the belief that a great deal can and must be done in educating the people in the matter of better roads.

County Surveyor Turner told what the survey for the new road cost, in the neighborhood of \$150.00. As near as he could tell off hand, he thought the cost of the new road would be \$3500 or \$4000, but those figures, he said, might be a little high.

The motion made by J. L. Wilkins that all work on the new road that could possibly be done at this time, be started at once, was carried by an unanimous vote.

## NOTICE TO WESTERN UMATILLA, MORROW AND GILLIAM COUNTY SHEEP MEN.

We will not allow transient sheep to trail over our ranges this season. WILLIAM SLUSHER, JOE CUNHA, A. A. COLE, CUNNINGHAM SHEEP & LAND CO.

## HOME TALENT NUMBER TO BE GIVEN ON 23RD

The last number of the lyceum course for 1915 will be presented at the High School auditorium on the night of April 23, by home talent. The program will consist of two parts, the first being a varied one of readings, music and orations and the second part, "Seeing Uncle Jack," a sketch. The program follows:

PART I.  
O, For the Wings of a Dove.  
Miss Long and Miss Thorley Reading.  
- - - Miss Casey  
Cornet duet, - - - Mr. Harlan and Mr. Clarke  
Male quartet, - - - High School  
Trombone solo, - - - Mr. Hale  
Oration, "The Traitor," H. Adkins  
Piano solo, - - - Virginia Crawford  
Selected, - - - Male Quartet  
Piano duet, Mrs. Jackson and Miss Crawford

Male quartet, - - - Ione, Ore  
"Seeing Uncle Jack," - - - Sketch

PART II.  
CAST:  
Mabel, given to writing and reading poetry, - - - Miss Casey  
Julia, fond of imitating Mabel, - - - Miss Power  
Kate, very practical, Miss Schmitt  
Helen, interested in natural history, - - - Miss Long  
Mrs. Miller, young widow, teacher, chaperoning the party while camping in the woods, Miss Wallen  
Nancy, country girl - Miss Ames  
Season tickets will be good for this entertainment, but as yet the general price of admission has not been fixed.

## New Walk Is Completed.

The new sidewalk fronting on the court house wall on Court street is now completed and adds greatly to the appearance of the county seat property. The work was done under the supervision of Wm. Ayers.

Charles Elder left on Tuesday for Baker, where he will visit with his sister, Mrs. Belle Bucknum, for a short time before returning to his home in Wyoming. Mr. Elder spent the winter at Heppner with his son, Fred Elder, and returns to his home much improved in health.

Old Glory waves at half mast in Heppner to-day in memory of the death of our martyred president, Abraham Lincoln, this being the anniversary of that sad event in our national history.

## SMITH-HAGER.

Miss Marie Hager, a popular young lady of this city and Mr. Clifford Sims, of Eugene were married at the bride's home Wednesday morning at 6:30. Rev. W. A. Orr, of Milton, performed the ceremony in the presence of the two immediate families of the contracting parties and a few close friends. The bride was attired in a neat traveling suit of blue and the groom wore a suit of blue serge. Miss Hager was given away by her brother, J. Osmin Hager and the groom was attended by his brother, Henry Sims, of Eugene. Miss Virginia Crawford played the wedding march. The rooms were beautifully decorated with apple blossoms and white carnations. After the ceremony, a dainty wedding breakfast was served.

Miss Hager has many friends here, having made this city her home since childhood. She was a member of the class graduating from Heppner High School in 1912. Later she spent two years at the University of Oregon at Eugene, and is a member of the Delta Gamma sorority. Mr. Sims graduated from the University of Oregon in 1913, and was very well known as an athlete while in college. Mr. Sims is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity and is at this time engaged in business in Eugene.

The young people departed for Eugene yesterday, where they will be at home to their friends after May 15th. They were accompanied by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sims, and his brother and sister, Henry Sims and Mrs. Robinson.

## ADKINS-HOWARD.

Coming as a complete surprise to their relatives and many friends, was the marriage of Harley Adkins to Miss Margaret Howard, of Walla Walla at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Adkins in this city last Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. Rev. T. S. Handsaker, pastor of the First Christian church, performed the wedding service. Only the immediate members of Mr. Adkins' family and a few friends were present. The bride, who has been teaching in the schools of Morrow county, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Howard, of Walla Walla. She is a graduate of Columbia Junior College at Milton, and is a very accomplished young lady. It was while attending college at Milton that the young people became acquainted.

Mrs. Adkins lived here several years ago when her father held the pastorate of the M. E. church, South. Mr. Adkins is a native son of Morrow county and will graduate from Heppner High School with the May class of 1915. Besides being prominent in athletics, he is president of the literary society, class valedictorian and business manager of the high school annual, and very popular among the students.

Mr. and Mrs. Adkins will make their home in Walla Walla after the 8th of June, where Mr. Adkins has accepted a position with a firm in that city.

## STAPLETON-SHANZ.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized Tuesday evening at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stapleton near this city, when Miss Freda Shanz, of The Dalles, became the bride of Mr. E. A. Stapleton. Rev. T. S. Handsaker officiated. Mr. Stapleton is connected with his father in the management of the Mountain Valley Stock Farm, and it is here that the young people will make their home.

## EASTER CANTATA GREETED BY A LARGE AUDIENCE.

The Easter cantata, "Resurrection Light," was rendered in a splendid manner on Sunday evening at the Christian church by a chorus composed of members from the different churches of the city. An audience that filled the church full to overflowing greeted the singers, and the rendition of the beautiful choruses and solos was well received.

Mr. O. G. Crawford directed, and Miss Virginia Crawford was the pianist, while leading solos were taken by Miss Marie Hager, Mr. Harley Adkins, Mrs. Winward, Mrs. Crawford, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Crawford.

The work of preparation had been somewhat handicapped on account of time but there was no lack of enthusiasm on the part of the performers and the rendition of the cantata was very creditable to them and satisfactory and pleasing to the audience. The people of Heppner are interested in good music and like to hear it, and this cantata is classed among the best of such works for amateur choirs.

The singers interested in giving this cantata have organized a choral union to which other talent will be added to make it a strong organization, and they will enter into the rehearsal of the better class of choruses in order to be prepared to entertain our people as future occasions may demand. This is a very worthy move and should certainly meet with the proper encouragement. They have in mind a big sing about the time of the county fair which should add to the entertainment features of that event.

E. E. Rugg was in town from his Spring Hollow ranch yesterday and reports that it has been necessary for him to re-seed at least two-thirds of his alfalfa fields this spring. He suffered much from the visitation of grasshoppers last summer and they succeeded in killing off the most of his alfalfa. He has put in a large amount of barley which will be cut later for hay. Crop conditions appear to be good in his locality, barring the alfalfa shortage.

## STOCKMEN OPPOSE REMOVAL OF OFFICE

Citizens of Heppner, Sheep and Cattle Men of County and Tributary Territory Unanimous in Opinion.

A meeting called on Friday evening at the instance of the Heppner Commercial Club and held at I. O. O. F. hall for the purpose of presenting to Mr. Florey, of the forest headquarters at Portland, who was present, some of the reasons why the headquarters of the Umatilla Forest should remain at Heppner, was attended by many of our citizens and the cattle and sheep owners of this county, as well as from some outside points. The only reason more of the outside people who are direct users of allotments in the forest were not there was that they could not be reached by the telephone. A meeting had been held earlier in the day at the office of C. E. Woodson, to take preliminary steps and decide on what line of action would be pursued at the evening meeting. J. L. Wilkins assumed the responsibility of getting in touch with all the cattle and sheep men it was possible for him to reach by phone from Heppner. He spent two hours in this work, and the result was that a great many in reach of Heppner were present at the evening gathering.

Mr. Florey was here for the special purpose of getting an expression from the users of the forest concerning their desires in the proposition that is now up for the removal of headquarters from Heppner. He arrived from Portland on Thursday evening, and there was not a very good chance to get as many people here as could have been done had there been a little more time.

At the evening meeting President Notson of the Commercial Club presided and Mr. Florey was called upon to state to the people what his department desired touching the case at the present time. He was free to say that the people of Pendleton had put it up to the department to move the office to that city, and had presented their reasons therefor, but the policy of the department was to accommodate the greatest number of the users of the forest and we gather from what the gentleman said that it was going to be up to them. No definite action has as yet been taken, and if it is found that the majority of the patrons of the department favor retaining the office at Heppner, it will be the decision of the powers that be that it remain here.

Following the short talk of Mr. Florey, expressions were called for from those present, and the following speakers expressed themselves very forcibly as being against the proposed removal of the headquarters to Pendleton: C. E. Woodson, C. A. Minor, Jesse D. French, Geo. J. Currin, J. B. Huddleston, Michael Kenny, John Kilkenny, John Simas, W. W. Howard, Jos. M. Hayes, W. E. Strait, John Brosnan, Jack Hynd, J. C. Kirk, T. J. Mahoney, J. L. Wilkins, W. W. Smead, H. H. Hoffman, Clyde Brock, M. L. Case and C. C. Patterson.

While it will be noted that some of these gentlemen are not users of the forest, yet they are all interested, and the large majority are men who are now dealing with the forestry office.

Mr. Mahoney had in hand some figures that are interesting, taken from the records of the office here. From these it is learned that there are but six men in Umatilla county whose postoffice is at Pendleton, who are users of allotments in the Umatilla Forest, and two of these really belong at Pilot Rock. Those using the forest and getting their mail at Heppner number 21, while those who are directly tributary to this point and have range in the Umatilla reserve number 62. This goes far to prove that Heppner is the proper point for the office. Mr. French also made a good point in the telephone service which the forest service has established to all parts of the reserve from the Heppner office, while other speakers made it clear that Heppner was chosen as the proper place for the office by the forest department in the first place because of its central location.

Many expressed the sentiment that if the office is to be moved at all it should go to Portland instead of Pendleton, for it would be more accessible to the greater majority of the users if in that city than it would be at Pendleton. Could be more easily reached at a less cost of time and money.

Practically every speaker could see no good reason for making the change and all argument seems to be against it. Mr. Florey was much pleased with the unanimous expression, and with the spirit of fairness that seems to prevail among our people and the kindly feeling manifest toward the forest service. He was frank in stating that there was no great rush in this matter and that our people would be given ample time in which to be heard and to get the expression of the users of the forest as to their desires.

The pushing of petitions now out among the stockmen will be continued and these brought in as rapidly as possible, it being mutually understood that by this method a satisfactory expression of those most vitally interested can be more readily and unanimously reached.